

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ally *et al.*

Appl. No. To be Assigned (Divisional of U.S.  
Appl. No. 09/489,679; Filed: January 24, 2000)

Filed: Herewith

For: **Apparatus and Method for Drying  
Solutions Containing  
Macromolecules**

Art Unit: To be Assigned

Examiner: To be Assigned

Atty. Docket: 0942.4060002/LEA/DTJ

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination of the application. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE